

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 2 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Kindly amend claims 1, 7 and 8 as follows. A detailed listing of all claims is as follows.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

- a first substrate having a common electrode;
- a second substrate having an active area;
- ~~an electrode pattern formed on the second substrate;~~
- a seal pattern formed in a sealing area peripherally to said active area ~~surrounding the electrode pattern~~, and ~~contacting~~ adhering said first substrate ~~and to~~ said second substrate;
- an electrode pattern formed within the sealing area on the second substrate, wherein the electrode pattern is completely embedded within a lengthwise portion of the seal pattern and is directly covered by the seal pattern; and
- a liquid crystal layer between said first substrate and said second substrate, and on the active area,

wherein said second substrate comprises:

- data lines and gate lines arranged in a matrix shape to define pixel areas;
- a TFT at an intersection of a data line and a gate line;
- a protective film on the TFT; and
- a pixel electrode on said protective film,

wherein the electrode pattern is between said seal pattern and said protective film.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern is the same material as said pixel electrode.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern is formed at the same time as said pixel electrode.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The device of claim 1, wherein said electrode pattern forms ~~an~~ a first electric field with said common electrode in the sealing area.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, wherein said electrode pattern is applied with a constant DC bias voltage.

Claims 9-21 (Withdrawn).

Claims 22-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (New): The device of claim 7, wherein said common electrode forms a second electric field with said pixel electrode, the first and second electric fields being different from each other.

Claim 25 (New): The device of claim 1, wherein corner portions of said seal pattern have an outwardly curved projection.